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**LETTER CLAIMING RIGHT OF PRIORITY**

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Sir:

Under the provisions of 35 USC 119 and 37 CFR 1.55, applicants hereby claim the right of priority based on:

**Japanese Application No. 2003-354557**  
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A Certified copy of said application document is attached hereto.

Acknowledgement thereof is respectfully requested.

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